



# Grayson Highlands State Park

## 829 Grayson Highland Lane

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"Grayson Highlands State Park offers outdoor enthusiasts a vacation to be remembered. The 4,500 acre park has hiking and horse trails, campsites and horse stalls, access to Mt Rogers, the Appalachian Trail and Virginia Highlands Horse Trail, beautiful mountain vistas, wild trout streams, vivid fall colors and mountain music, all at an elevation that beats the summer heat!"

**Green Statement:** "Being a part of a conservation agency, we strive to make "green" activities a part of our routine operation. We feel that it is our responsibility as stewards for the Commonwealth of Virginia to lessen our impact on the environment and to engage in "green" practices wherever possible."

#### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

- ☒ **Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
  - Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans
  - Also recycle: office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- ☒ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
  - Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- ☒ **Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall solid waste costs

#### *Restrooms*

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

#### *Office*

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content

- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

#### *Buildings and grounds*

- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Use water efficiently.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

#### *Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
  - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
  - Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms

#### *Activities outdoors*

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have installed rain barrels
- Have installed drip line irrigation
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

☒ **Conserve energy.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

#### *Heating and cooling*

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system

#### *Lighting*

- Use natural lighting
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have installed LED Exit Signs

#### *Appliances and electronic devices*

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

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For more information on Grayson Highlands State Park, see [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/gra.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/gra.shtml) or contact Harvey Thompson at [graysonhighlands@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:graysonhighlands@dcr.virginia.gov) or 276-579-7092.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen)

or [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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